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Upper Montclair Country Club

Aditi Ashok

Quick Quotes

Q. Here with Aditi Ashok. Can you talk us through your round a little bit today?

ADITI ASHOK: Yeah, started off pretty good. Chipped in from the fringe on 1 and holed a six-footer on 4, which was good wedge shot.

Yeah, started off pretty good. Kind of bogeyed the par-3s on the front, so didn't hit good iron shot. I think I hit it in places where up and down was really hard, so that was not my best stuff in the par-3s.

Back nine was a little better par-3s. Except for 16 I feel like I played pretty good today. Made a bunch of birdies, I think five, which is not too bad. Just couldn't save many of them.

Q. Can you walk us through what kind of happened on hole 16? Was it kind of a club selection mistake or just...

ADITI ASHOK: Kind of, yeah. I was in the right tree so hitting a big cut around the tree and I didn't take enough club. Felt like it was pretty close to being -- maybe on the front edge, but, yeah, I guess that's not the miss for that hole.

I tried to be too precise with the first one; didn't take my medicine; didn't put it on the green; tried to hit it closer.

Obviously came back to my feet, which is never fun.

I guess it was okay. Just one bad swing that ended up costing me two shots. Feel like sometimes you make a bad swing and it doesn't cost you anything. You get away with par. That was a bad swing that costed me two strokes.

Q. Throughout your round were you catching yourself looking at the leaderboards? Because at one point you were pretty high up and you still are.

ADITI ASHOK: Yeah, I think I saw it only on 5 or 6 on the



front nine, the par-3. I wasn't watching it much. If it was the final day I might have watched it more. I feel like I knew what I needed to do today and didn't really need to watch it.

I feel like I was playing with Minjee and she was pretty much the standard for today. Yeah, I didn't really look at the leaderboards much.

Q. Going into tomorrow, what do you think will be the key to your game to have a strong finish?

ADITI ASHOK: I think not making as many mistakes. The first two days I think I made four bogeys, but then today I dropped four shots just on the day.

So try and hopefully not drop any shots. I feel like I'm hitting it close enough, making enough putts to make enough birdies; just try to think of bogey-free tomorrow.

Q. So you're satisfied where you are heading into the final round?

ADITI ASHOK: No, of course not. I think golfers are never satisfied. I think I had -- except for the last half hour where I made the double I think I was much closer to the lead. So, yeah, not satisfied because I played more than three fourths of the round really good.

It's just another day tomorrow. Hopefully I can make more birdies and less bogeys and no doubles.

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